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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA

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1. THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, VICTOR ELIACHAR, RETURNED TO COLOMBIA THIS WEEK AFTER AN EXTENDED ABSENCE. I TELEPHONED HIM THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 17 TO WELCOME HIM BACK AND TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL CONCERN AND SYMPATHY OVER EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE RQUESTED THAT WE MEET THAT SAME AFTERNOON, SAYING HE WISHED TO DISCUSS CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH ME.

2. THE MEETING BASICALLY TOOK THE FORM OF A LONG AND MOST INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE HE REVEALED ANYTHING NOT WELL KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. ELIACHAR SAID HE HAD REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT PASTRANA WHICH HE EXPECTED TO BE GRANTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS. HE REQUESTED THAT I COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE UNITED STATES INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO RESUPPLY ISRAEL AND TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION TO BRING ABOUT A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I RESPONDED THAT WHILE I WAS RELATIVELY CERTAIN WE WOULD PURSUE A POLICY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THOSE ELEMENTS, I HAD NO AUTHORITY

TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA.

4. UNLESS OTHERWSIE INSTRUCTED, I WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE
WITH THE GOC AND CONTINUE TO DRAW ON REFTEL FOR GUIDANCE.
WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL INFORMAL INQUIRIES AND DISCUSSIONS
WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND HAVE
TOLD THEM WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHY.
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